

# SHO NEWS

## COME CELEBRATE!

This is the Hult Center's 25th Anniversary!

Our SHO Fall Potluck will be celebrating and sharing memories.

Come on Monday, September 10 @ 5:30 p.m. to the Studio (formerly Studio 1). Bring a dish to share and a memento or photo of what you were up to in '82.

Invite friends and relatives, then call or e-mail Dolly Cook by Thursday, September 6, with your reservations: (541)688-1746 or at [dollycook8@msn.com](mailto:dollycook8@msn.com).

## Where were you in '82?

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### Coming Attractions.....

September 29—Cake Decorating Contest (*see Page 3 for details*)

October 9—Mystery Trip #1

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### Mission Statement

Support HultCenterOperations (SHO) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide outreach, education, and community service for Eugene's Hult Center for the Performing Arts.

### **Hult Vision I, II and III, the new electronic message screens**

The Hult Center staff is thrilled with the purchase of the three large flat screen televisions for the lobby. Hult Vision I and II replace the old sponsorship banners hanging from the Concourse level. These two 55" screens are sleek and appropriate for the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Hult Vision I is to be used by promoters renting the Silva Concert Hall. Hult Vision II is for the promoters renting the Soreng Theater. The promoters will be able to produce their own DVD showcasing their company, sponsors, and/or upcoming events.

Hult Vision III is a 37" flat screen and will be located near the ticket office windows. The sole purpose is to promote upcoming ticketed events. The Hult Center's marketing staff will be producing the DVD for this sales tool. The same DVD will also play on Hult Vision I and II on days when the two halls are dark.

### **New ticket scanning and sales kiosk**

The ticket sales software upgrade to a web-hosted product in summer 2006 allowed for some exciting modernizations benefiting Hult Center patrons. The two most visible ones are the new ticket scanning system and the installation of a ticket sales kiosk.

Ticket scanning is made possible by the wireless units at each entry to the performance halls. This allows for more accurate house attendance counts (you will not be seeing the ushers counting ticket stubs anymore) and all house entrances can be monitored on line and in real time. Additional benefits are the instant fraud and duplicate detection abilities.

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The sales kiosk, located in the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue vestibule (wheelchair accessible), increases the Hult Center's customer service by providing an additional way to purchase tickets in addition to regular ticket office lobby hours. It also allows access for will-call tickets pick up. The kiosk's regular hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and one hour prior to and during events on all days. Closed on Sundays and holidays if no event is scheduled.

### **Ticket office remodel and temporary move**

This summer the Hult Center is engaged in a number of repair and maintenance activities, including a major ticket office remodel. The remodel will address long-time heating and ventilation issues. A brand new HVAC system will be installed to improve the air quality for Hult Center employees.

The remodel will also enlarge the active workspace by connecting the two offices together. Today's technology demands new wiring and data cabling for state-of-the-art data storage and the transfer of data in a secure environment. These improvements will benefit persons with disabilities who will find a new accessible ticket window for ease of ticket purchase.

During the remodel, ticket office operations are housed in a temporary modular building located on the Hult Center Plaza. The project is estimated to be completed by Saturday, September 22, a week prior to the festivities planned for the Hult Center's 25th anniversary. *(see next page)*

### **Celebrating Hult 25**

The Hult Center has already hosted four

successful *Celebrating Hult 25* events: the kick-off event. the Philadelphia Orchestra on May 27, and three free Summer @ the Hult events. The local bands *complicated* and *Etouffee* on July 21 and August 4 had the crowds of 200-230 rocking in the Hult Center Plaza. The talented performing arts group from the Province Henan in China brought almost 1300 persons to the Silva Hall on July 22.

Endowments have underwritten all Hult 25 events. Monies have been received from the Tykeson Family Foundation and the Woodard Family Foundation for *Resident Companies in Concert* on September 25. Additional gifts totaling almost \$1,200 (including \$400 from SHO) from individuals (including Hult Center staff) funded the stipends, prizes and materials needed for the youth artists in the August presentation, *Talents of Tomorrow*. .

A Community Celebration and Open House will occur at the Hult on Saturday, September 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; tickets will be free. The Birthday Cake Decorating Competition will be part of the activities, and the judging will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Confirmed bakeries (as of 8/3/07) are: Le Petit Gourmet Bakery, Market of Choice, Palace Bakery, Safeway, Sweet Dreams, and Sweet Life Patisserie.

Confirmed judges (as of 8/3/07) are: Mayor Kitty Piercy, former Mayor Jim Torrey, Springfield City Councilor Christine Lundberg, KMTR Chief Meteorologist Joseph Calbreath, Interim Eugene City Manager Angel Jones, Eugene Chief of Police Bob Lehner, and Human Rights Program Specialist Francisca Leyva-Johnson.

all performances in the Hult. We will be taking care of and handing out the hearing devices, as well as selling cards, candy and shirts. This job is one hour before the performance and during intermission. We'll need several people to handle this and you will be able to see the performances. You'll also need to be able to answer questions about what is going on with the Hult.

There will be a training session soon. Let Dolly Cook know if you're interested by calling her at 688-1746. It's fun!

### **Welcome new SHO members!**

Patti Baumberger  
George Kloeppel  
Margaret Blain  
Jan Read  
Iva May Van Noy

### **Tour Guides needed**

SHO is looking for those interested in becoming tour guides for the Hult Center. SHO provides tour guides for drop-in tours each Thursday, and for scheduled group tours which can take place on almost any day with advance notice. Anyone comfortable speaking to small groups should contact Sue Douglas at 485-8868 or Cliff Flesch at 345-5147. A training manual will be provided, along with personal training by either Cliff or Sue. This is a great opportunity to learn all about the Hult and its history, and to share that knowledge with others.

### **Usher Assist Night Desk Opportunities**

We are going to expand the night desk to include

## Winter SHOcase Schedule

### October

- 1 **The Norsemen**  
One of Eugene's most entertaining men's singing groups in an encore performance to start off the new SHOcase season.  
*SHO Performing Arts Student of the Month Award*
- 11 **The Very Little Theatre**  
A preview of the theater's 79th season opener, the musical "Jacque Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," directed by Melina Neal.
- 18 **Eugene Ballet Company**  
Their opening production of "Carmen," set to Bizet's music, will be presented by some of the company's talented dancers.
- 25 **Ageless International Folk Dancers**  
Eight dancers dressed in international costumes will present dancers from different countries around the world.

### November

- 1 **An American Indian Pow-wow**  
Dressed in authentic costumes, drummers and dancers will present traditions of Native American cultures.  
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- 8 **The Hanson Family Singers**  
A Western Music Show! You can expect the excitement of a rousing hoe-down!
- 15 **Songs of the Heart**  
Vocalist Kim Donahey and an instrumental combo will be tugging at your heart strings as they bring you music from the wartime years.
- 22 **Thanksgiving**  
No SHOcase.
- 29 **Meg Graf**  
The incomparable pianist presenting some of your favorite ragtime music as well as popular songs.

## December

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### **Oregon Young Women's Choir**

Start off the holiday season with these beautifully-trained voices directed by Rachel Cornacchio.

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### **Kutsinhira Youth Ensemble**

A talented group of elementary and middle school students playing marimba music from Zimbabwe.

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### **The Memory Tones**

A 2007 encore performance by the popular volunteer singing group performing holiday music. Ho! Ho! Ho!

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### **Eugene Opera**

Here's a chance to have a sneak preview of Eugene Opera's year-end production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute," performed by some of the soloists.

## **Thank you!!**

The Board thanks the many SHO members who sponsored SHOc case concerts during the 2006-2007 season. Your support, as well as that of other individuals and businesses, contributed greatly to the success and continuation of the series.

While the programs are free and entertainers are not paid, the events incur many expenses that SHO must meet. These include music and licensing fees, equipment usage, and labor charges for stagehands and ushers.

Sponsorship for a SHOc case concert is \$250.00 and is tax deductible. If you would like to sponsor a program during the 2007-2008 season, please make your check payable to SHO and send it to Dick Doering, Hult Center, One Eugene Center, Eugene 97401.

**Support HultCenter Operations**  
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